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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 0980

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SUBJ: NPW VISITS - ROWLING ADMITS FAULTY MEMORY

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 0880 (DTG 090028Z MAR 76), (B) WELLINGTON 0931
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1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) OPPOSITION LEADER ROWLING ADMITTED
MARCH 11 HE HAD SEEN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MFA REPORTS
OUTLING RESERVATIONS ABOUT SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS
FREE ZONE (SPNWFZ) AND PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN NOT ALLOWING
NPW VISITS. ADMISSION CAME AFTER ROWLING WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY
BY PM MULDOON TO REVIEW REPORTS IN QUESTION.

2. ROWLING SAID HE WAS "EMBARRASSED ABOUT SAYING SOMETHING
THAT TRANSPIRED TO BE SO WIDE OF THE MARK", BUT NOTED HE
HAD SEEN THE REPORTS ONLY BRIEFLY DURING HECTIC ROUND OF
CAMPAIGNING IN LATE OCTOBER. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT HE
THOUGHT PM MULDOON'S REFERENCES WERE TO REPORTS THAT
DEALT SOLELY WITH ADMISSION OF NPWS TO NEW ZEALAND PORTS.
ACCORDING TO ROWLING, REPORTS WERE FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON
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EFFECTS OF SPNWFZ.

3. ROWLING CALLED FOR RELEASE OF REPORTS IN ORDER TO
ALLOW PEOPLE TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS ON THEIR OWN. PM MULDOON
HAS REFUSED TO MAKE REPORTS PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR
SENSITIVITY. (END UNCLASSIFIED).

4. (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MOD REPORT
DID, IN FACT, RAISE ISSUE OF NPW VISITS. FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT
ROWLING, AFTER ORIGINALLY READING REPORT, MADE NOTATION ON IT TO THE
EFFECT THAT HE SAW NO REASON TO DEAL WITH TOPIC PUBLICLY AS
REPORT HAD RECOMMENDED.
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